



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 7/24/2019
Person Contacted: Michael Friedman (pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA19CA399

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by the pilot on this date:

The mission of this flight was to perform a simulated premature glider release (aka: rope break) at an intermediate altitude then land. The flight instructor was PIC from the back seat, and his student was flying from the front seat. Surface wind was light out of the west, ceiling and visibility were unrestricted.

The flight departed from the grass parallel to runway 25 and proceeded without incident until on final for the grass parallel to runway 7. While slipping to lose excess altitude, a white gyrocopter departed runway 25, opposite our approach, which forced additional maneuvering away from the paved runway. In the end, the student recovered from the slip and flared for landing a bit too high. The pilot attempted to assist in the recovery but it was insufficient and the aircraft landed hard.

The instructor added that there was no substantial damage to the aircraft, or injury to the student, but he suffered a serious injury.

The instructor recommended that better education for pilots operating at mixed-used airports, like the accident airport, regarding right of way practical applications between gliders and powered aircraft.